

Flowers pressed/drawn - connected w/ Linnaea

Exhibit 29a

Plants

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Curios and Relics
Plants
Flowers
Connected with Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

PHOTOCOPY
(original in safe)

Curios



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Genuine Lincoln Relics are becoming more and more difficult to find, and when found, are usually in the hands of persons who are unwilling to part with them, even at high prices.

Dr. P. D. Gurley, (Lincoln's pastor at Washington) and his wife, were on very intimate terms with the Lincolns, and on one occasion, while spending an evening at the White House, Mr Lincoln picked a boquet of flowers in the White House conservatory, and presented it to Mrs Gurley, who had it pressed and preserved. After Mr. Lincoln's death, Mrs Lincoln gave to Dr and Mrs Gurley, a linen table-cloth that they (the Lincolns) had used both at Springfield and at Washington. These two relics were passed down from Dr and Mrs Gurley to their daughter Mrs Emma H. Adams, who sold them to Dr Glen Wills, of Hollywood, in whose possession they now are. Dr Wills has asked me to find a customer for these two personal souvenirs of Lincoln. They are both illustrated in Dr Ervin Chapman's "Latest Light on Abraham Lincoln", pages 40 and 502. If you hav'nt this book at hand, I can send photos of both articles for your inspection. Both have been authenticated by Mrs Adams. The price is five hundred dollars for the two pieces. I will appreciate a reply to this letter, addressed either to Dr Glen Wills, 1610 N. Kingsley, Hollywood, Calif. or to myself.

**OLD FLOWER BASKET IS
LINCOLN SOUVENIER**

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 13—An old flower basket preserved after its contents withered and died reminds the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sedgwick R. Woodruff of Abraham Lincoln's thoughtfulness. When Lincoln was inaugurated, Woodruff's father was among the attendants as a member of the staff of Governor Ward. His wife could not attend because of illness. When Lincoln heard of her illness, he sent her the basket of flowers.

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